

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 21 and 22 are amended, claims 25-27 are added, claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21-27 are pending, and claims 3, 6, 7, 14, and 15 are withdrawn. Claim 1 has been amended to add subject matter of previously pending claim 20, claims 21 and 22 are amended to depend off of claim 1. New claims 25-27 reflect the subject matter of allowed claims 21 and 22.

Amended Claim 1

Applicants believe that in addition to the subject matter of claims 21 and 22, claim 20 contains allowable subject matter for the following reasons. The Examiner has indicated that claim 20 is rejected because "Kirkpatrick discloses a library wherein each CTBF further contains a second LG (e.g. see column 24, especially Table 6 wherein (bis) disulfides are disclosed of formula $R_1-S-S-Y-S-S-R_2$ that contain two -S-S-LG groups)." Therefore, it is applicants' understanding that the only subject matter not allowed in claim 20 relates to the second disulfide linking group. The Examiner has stated that claims 21 and 22, which recite amide and sulfonamide and are two members of the Markush group of claim 20, are allowable. No part of the rejection states that the secondary amine, ureido, thiourea, and carbamate members of the Markush group of claim 20 are suggested by the prior art. Therefore, in response to the outstanding rejections, applicants have amended claim 1 to recite the subject matter of allowed claims 21 and 22, as well as the non-rejected subject matter of claim 20. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable.

New Claims 25 and 26

Applicants believe that new claims 25-27 are directed to the allowable CTBF's of original claim 20.

Withdrawn Claims 3, 6, 7, 14, 15 and 24

Finally, because claim 1 has been amended to place it in condition for allowance, applicants respectfully request that withdrawn claims 3, 6, 7, 14, 15 and 24 be rejoined.

Formal Drawings

The Examiner has not yet indicated in the Office Action Summary that the formal drawings filed on September 26, 2003 have been accepted. Acceptance of these drawings is respectfully requested in the next communication from the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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